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Victim of Harlan Mine Accident Identified

FRANKFORT, Ky. – (March 3, 2012) – Authorities have identified the man killed early Saturday in a mining accident in Harlan County. Mine foreman James A. Bailey, 32 of Loyall, Ky., died when he was pinned by the canopy he was installing on a mine shuttle car.

The accident occurred at approximately 1:30 a.m. at the Timber Tree Mine near the community of Blair. The mine is owned by Parton Brothers Mining. Investigators from the Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing are at the mine leading the investigation. They will return Monday to begin interviewing witnesses in order to determine why and how the accident occurred.

This is the first mining fatality reported in Kentucky in 2012.

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